

StabBack

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This is STABBACK, a monthly journal of Diplomacy and other Diplomacy variants. The one variant that was being played was 1939 III. 1939 III is a five player game of World War II. Subscriptions to STABBACK are 10/\$5.00. Game Fee is \$5.00 + subscription. STABBACK is edited and published by: Howard R. Christie, P.O. BOX 115, Millville, PA 17846 Phone Number (717) 458-5790

"My dear brother-in-law goes to bed every night as a Russian and gets up every morning as an Englishman"

Czar Nicholas I describing King
Fredrick William IV of Prussia

1984CO, 1984CT, 1984CZ, 1984HN, and 1985W; games in process.

Deadline for all games is: May 22, 1985

STANDBY LIST

If your name appears below you are on STABBACKS standby list. If you want on or off let me know. Any player that plays out a standby position will receive three issues to their sub. Names do not appear in any special order. I am always looking for new standbys. BRUMBAUGH, COOPER, YOUNG, SMITH, CHRISTIE, EARLY, MCKINNON, MCCRUMB, WILCOX, BEAVER, AND ZARSE.

STABBACK #7

This game is almost filled. I will start this game as soon as I receive all the game fees that are due. That means you might get a flyer from me between now and the next deadline. The following players owe me the game fee: Cooper, Perry, McKinnon, Young, Rivera. The following players are signed up for the game.

Cooper, Perry, Zarse, McKinnon, Young, Rivera, Kuhbier

This space is not being used this time around.

Welcome to the 14th issue of STABBACK. At this very moment we have five regular Diplomacy games in process. I have one more regular game filled but I am waiting for Game fee's for the five people who don't have them in. In this issue we see the end of the first game to be played in STABBACK. That was the 1939 III game and it was won by Germany, played by Hugh Chrstie. Also in this issue we see a new subzine run by Robert Smith. The name of this new subzine is POLITIQUE. So take a look at it. If you need a copy of the house-rules just send a S.A.S.E.. Game turns run every 21 days and STABBACK will be published in the next seven days. Don't forget to vote in the runestone poll.

Last weekend I went up to PENN STATE and Bob Smith and I played Third Reich. We played from 1939 to 1942. I was Germany and Bob was Russia. We had two other people playing and they played Italy and the other played the rest of the allies. Well it was long and we played about eight hours. So at the beginning of 1942 we decided to check victory point cities and call a winner. It so happen that Italy and I had a marginal Victory over the allies. Italy had conquered the Med and Vichy France came in as a minor ally on my side. I had conquered the low countries, France, Denmark, Norway, and pushed all the way to Lienngrad and had captured that city. Malta also fell to the Italians. It was a good game and Bob and I were really slugging it out on the Eastern front. England was hurting from losing the med and my sub warfare was taking its toll on the English. The allies did invade France but I sent alot of troops back and they pulled out. Finland was crushed by the Rusians rly in my invasion. Good game over all. Recommend it to anybody.

STABBACK's RATING SYSTEM

I have decided to rate all players that play in STABBACK. This will only be for games played in this zine, it will not take into account any other games played in other zines. This is to see how you rate agianst the other players in this zine and I will keep it up and publish a list every time a game ends.

The system is fairly simple. You will be given a number of points for how you finish in a game that you play. These are for a win, survival, elimination, drop, and playing out a standby. The system is for only regular Diplomacy games. Once you are awarded points you add the total of points and divide by number of games you have played in. e.g. Completed two games and you have a total of 8 points for both games. You divide 8 by two and you come up with your score. In this case it would be 4.00.

The number of points will be awarded at the end of a completed game and they will be awarded the following number of points for the following:
Win=5, survival=3, elimination=1, drop=0, playing out a standby=1. If you want the game to count as a stand by you must inform me and I will add one more game to your total, if you do not want the game inculed in your toal you must tell me, so I won't include it in your total. If you chose not to include the game you are awared the 1 point for playing out a standby positior and donot get the game include, so you recieve 1 piont free to your total of points. It seems to me the only time a player will elect. to take credit for the game is when he wins the game as a standby or in some cases opts the survival points. e.g. 1st game, win=5, 2nd game, sur=3, 3rd SBPSur and the game doesn't count in your toal number of games. If you inclu you would have a 3.66, if you don't include the SB and take the 1 free it would be 4.50. The choice is yours. Comments welcomed.

AUSTRIA (James Early): a VIE s aa bud-tri; a bud-tri(otb) EVEN

ENGLAND (Phil Cooper): a bre-GAS; a SPN s ga bur-mar; f nwy-SWE;
f gob-STP(sc); f BAL c ga den-liv; f mid-wes(nsu) f ENG-hold; f wes-TYH;
f GOL s ga bur-mar; f TUN s ef wes-tyh; f tyh-NAP EVEN

GERMANY (Andy Clough): a bur-MAR; a mun-TYL; a sil-BOH; a ber-SIL;
a kie-MUN; a den-LIV; f liv-GOB EVEN

ITALY (James Young): a mar-PIE; a pie-VEN; a TRI s ta ser-bud; f ADR
s ia tri; f rom-TUS EVEN

RUSSIA (Bob Smith) a MOS s ta war Built Army MOSCOW

TURKEY (Steven McKinnon): a GAL-vie; a RUM s ta ser-bud; a ser-BUD;
a sev-UNK; a WAR s ta sev-unk; f ALB-tri; f ION s tf eas; f EAS s tf ion;
f bla-SEV EVEN

The Austrian Army BUD must RT OTB. The proposal to the E-G draw failed. The vote was 3 NO, 2 YES, and 1 Absentation. An E-G draw has been proposed once again, also a E-T-I-A-R draw has been proposed. Players are asked to vote with thier next sent of orders. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Fall 1906 orders are due by 22 May, 1985.

PRESS:

VIENNA-CZAR: I've got to be free, free to face the life that's ahead of me.

VIENNA-ROME: Ha! Take that!

VIENNA-LONDON&BERLIN: 2,4,6,8, who do we appreciate!! Go Team!

VIENNA-CON: Go Ahead. Make my day.

BERLIN-VIENNA: OK james, we'll take your advice about Livonia.

Andy-James: Hang IN there dude I'm coming to save you.

<u>BERLIN-WORLD</u> :	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>Black</u>
	11. B-B4	P-QR3
	12. Q-B5	NxB

Full and complete copies of this game can be obtained for a mere 10 Million Marks, delivered personally to me the German, Kaiser.

ROME-WORLD: The end is near!!!

THE EMPIRE of MOSCOW: Today the Czar returned from his long cruise to find his empire reduced to the state of choas and the only lands under his control to be the city of Moscow. The Czar always quick on his feet declared the new state called "The Empire of Moscow". Then he raised an army to help defend Warsaw forever and always. The Czar still plays with toy ships in the tub, it reminds him of the days in the BALTIC.

1984CT

GERMANY STABS ENGLAND, FRANCE COUNTER-ATTACKS PARIS

FALL 1904

AUSTRIA (Andy Clough): a VIE-tri; a ser-RUM; a BUD s aa ser-rum; a UNK-sev; f tri-alb(otb)

ENGLAND (James Early): a pic-BRE; f nwy-NWG; f STP(nc)-mos(imp); f ENG s ea pic-bre; f MID s ea pic-bre; f cly-NAO; f IRI s ef mid

FRANCE (Bob Smith): a bre-PAR; a GAS s fa bre-par; f POR-mid; f spn(sc)-MAR RT Mid-Por

GERMANY (Phil Cooper): a GAL s aa bud-rum(nso); a TYL s aa vie-tri; a SIL-war; a hol-BEL; a BUR s ga hol-bel; a par s bre(nso,otb); f swe-NWY

ITALY (Hugh Christie): a apu-VEN; a PIE-tyl; f ion-TYH

RUSSIA (Paul Schembari): a MOS-war

TURKEY (James Young): a alb-TRI; a bul-SER; a rum-sev(otb,bul) f ADR s ta alb-tri; f gre-ALB; f con-BLA

The German Army PAR must RT oth. The Turkish Army RUM must RT oth or to BUL. A F-I-T-R draw has been proposed. Players are asked to vote with their next set of orders. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Winter 1904 builds and RT's are due by May 9, 1985 by Immediate Return Mail(IRM). Spring 1905 orders are due by May 22, 1985. The supply center chart is shown below:

A - vie, bud, rum, xxx , xyx , xxx	(3) Remove 3, 1otb
E - home, bre, stp, bel , xyx	(5) Remove 2
F - par, mar, spn, por	(4) Even
G - Home, war, bel, hol, nwy, swe, den	(9) Build 3, 1 oth
I - home, tun	(4) Build 1
R - sev, mos	(2) Build 1
T - home, bul, gre, ser, tri, xxx	(7) Build 1

PRESS:

INNOCENT BYSTANDER-VIENNA&LONDON: Who cares what Frankie say anyway?

MAR-LON: Brest is yours, let us go and fight the German!!!!!!!!!!

Andy-James: I hope you got my message in a bottle.

VIENNA-CON: Diplomatic Blunder? I doubt it. That retreat caused you to lose a unit. In case you haven't noticed, I've been fending you off a lot better tha the former Austrian idiot did. And besides I think Italy knows exactly where you would go next if you were to wipe me out.

LONDON: It has been announced that the new royal British Band, "Frankie goes to Culver City", will be touring Europe. The Tour Begins with shows in ST. Petersburg and will end a few years with some shows in Ankara.

COMMANDER, ST. PETERSBURG OCCUPATION FORCE-TROOPS: Come on, guys, JUMP pick up that boat and move!! We're not stopping until we reach moscow.

LONDON-CON: Italy isn't going to help you a bit, not when smyrna looks so tempting!!

AUSTRIA (Doug King): a tri-hold

ENGLAND (Andy Clough): f bre-MID; f lpl-CLY; f eng-NTH; f STP(nc)-nwy;
f LON s ef eng-nth

FRANCE (Steven Mckinnon): a PAR-bre; a GAS-spñ; a POR s fa gas-spñ

GERMANY (Hugh Christie): a PIE-bre; a BUR-par; a BEL-pic; a mun-RUH;
a swe-NWY; f SKA s ga swe-nwy; f hel-HOL

ITALY (Phil Cooper): a MAR s if spñ(nc); f SPN(nc) s fa gas(nso); a
VEN s aa tri; f nap-APU; f tyh-NAP

RUSSIA (Willis Beaver): a boh-VIE; a vie-TRI; a BUD s ra vie-tri; a
rum-ANK; f BLA c ra rum-ank

TURKEY (Bob Smith): a SER s ra vie-tri; a BUL s ta ser; a GRE-hold;
f ion-TYH; f TUN s tf ion-tyh; f aeg-ION

The Austrian player doesn't need to retreat. I would like to thank Stephen Wilcox for sending in stand by orders for Austria. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Winter and spring orders are due by May 22, 1985. The supply center chart is shown below:

A- tri , vie , ser	(0) out
E- home, stp, nwy	(4) Remove 1
F- bre, por, par	(3) Even
G- home, den, hol, bel, swe, nwy	(8) Build 1
I- home, mar, spñ	(5) Even
R- mos, war, sev, rum, vie, bud, tri, ank	(8) Build 3
T- con, smy, ank , bul, gre, ser, tun,	(6) Even

PRESS:

LONDON-BERLIN: Hi HO, Hi HO, It's off to war we go!

LONDON-GM: Get the Austrian units right!

GM-LONDON: What do you mean? They are right, when a player is in civil-disorder his units are OTB. When a player NMR he is in CD, so Austria's unit was correct. Check the house rules for that one Andy.

MOSCOW-ROME: Let our forces unite as one to smash the Turks!! I offer more than he can even deliver. Think about it and drop me a line. You won't be able to call since I work nights.

MOSCOW-LONDON: I hope you have seen by know your only shot is to ally with the French and wipe up on Germany.

MOSCOW-PARIS: Hang in there, old pal.

MOSCOW-BERLIN: STP is yours but I won't help you in to it.

MOSCOW-CON: I couldn't resist an open center. Thanks for the support if you gave it to me the two extra builds will help alot.

1984HN ENGLAND PICKS UP THREE CENTERS WITH EVERYONE HELPING HIM FALL 1903

AUSTRIA (Mike Perry): a BOH s ia mun(nso) a BUD-gal; a BUL-hold;
a GRE s aa bul; f AEG s aa bul

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie): a swe-DEN; f nwy-SWE; f nth-HOL; f eng-BRE; f
iri-MID

FRANCE (Paul Schembari): a BEL s ef nth-hol; a BUR-mun; f gol-tyh(otb,mar
spn(sc), pie, ~~tyh~~) f WES s ff gol-tyh; f mid-NAF

GERMANY (James Early): a KIE-ber; a hol s gf hel-kie;(otb,ruh) f HEL-kie

ITALY (Phil Cooper): a MUN-bur; a ven-TYL; f tus-GOL; f TYH s if tus-gol
f TUN-wes

RUSSIA (Jay Brumbaugh): f rum-SEV; a sev-UNK; a unk-RUM; a SIL-gal;
f BAL s ea swe-den; a BER-kie

TURKEY (James Young): f BLA s ra unk-rum; f CON-hold: a SMY s tf con

Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions.
Winter and Spring orders are due by May 22, 1985. The supply center
chart is shown below:

A - home, gre, ser, bul
E - home, nwy, swe, den, hol, bre
F - ~~par~~, par, mar, spn, por, bel

G - kie, ~~par~~, ~~par~~
I - home, tun, mun
R - home, ber, rum
T - home, ~~par~~

(6) Build 1
(8) Build 3
(5) Even, played one
short, could build
from otb.
(1) Remove 2
(5) Even
(6) Even
(3) Even, I had to RT ot

PRESS:

MOSCOW-CON: We acknowledge our responsibility to keep the Dardanelles
safe from the German-speaking people.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: The admiralty appreciates the Czar's invitation to visit
St. Petersburg, but heavy ice flows proved impassable.

BERLIN-ROME&LONDON: I'm doing exactly what you guys want me to. I hope
you appreciate it.

BERLIN-PARIS&MOSCOW: #!@!\$%!\$%!!!

BERLIN-GM: That's real cute, not putting my pieces on the board.

GM-BERLIN: I thought I was doing you a favor. I'm sorry.

GM-Game: I forgot there has been a proposed concession to GERMANY, please
vote with your next set of orders.

BERLIN-WORLD: "You can choose a ready guide in some celestial voice. If
you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice. You can choose
from phantom fears that can kill. I will choose a path that's clear: I
will choose free will" -RUSH, "Free Will"

AUSTRIA (Dave McCrumb): a bud-SER; a vie-TRI; f tri-ALB
 ENGLAND (Bob Smith): a lpl-EDN; f edn-NWG; f lon-NTH
 FRANCE (Phil Cooper): a par-BUR; a mar-SPN; f bre-MID
 GERMANY (Steven Decker): a ber-KIE; a mun-RUH; f kie-DEN
 ITALY (Doug King): a ven-TYL; a rom-VEN; f nap-ION
 RUSSIA (Doug Christie): a war-GAL; a mos-STP; f stp(sc)-GOB; f SEV-bla
 TURKEY (Bert Levy): a con-BUL; a smy-CON; f ANK-bla

The Boardman number for this new game of Diplomacy is 1985W.
 Would all players please address all letters with it concerning this
 game. Fall 1901 orders will be due by May 22, 1985. Underline moves
 fail and capital letters show unit positions.

PRESS:

RUS-AUS: Only dirt roads lead to TECH!

ROME-WORLD: Thanks, I've already recieved more letters from ya'll
 than I did for the entire course of STABBACK #3.

ROM-BER: Trust me

ROM-PAR: Trust me

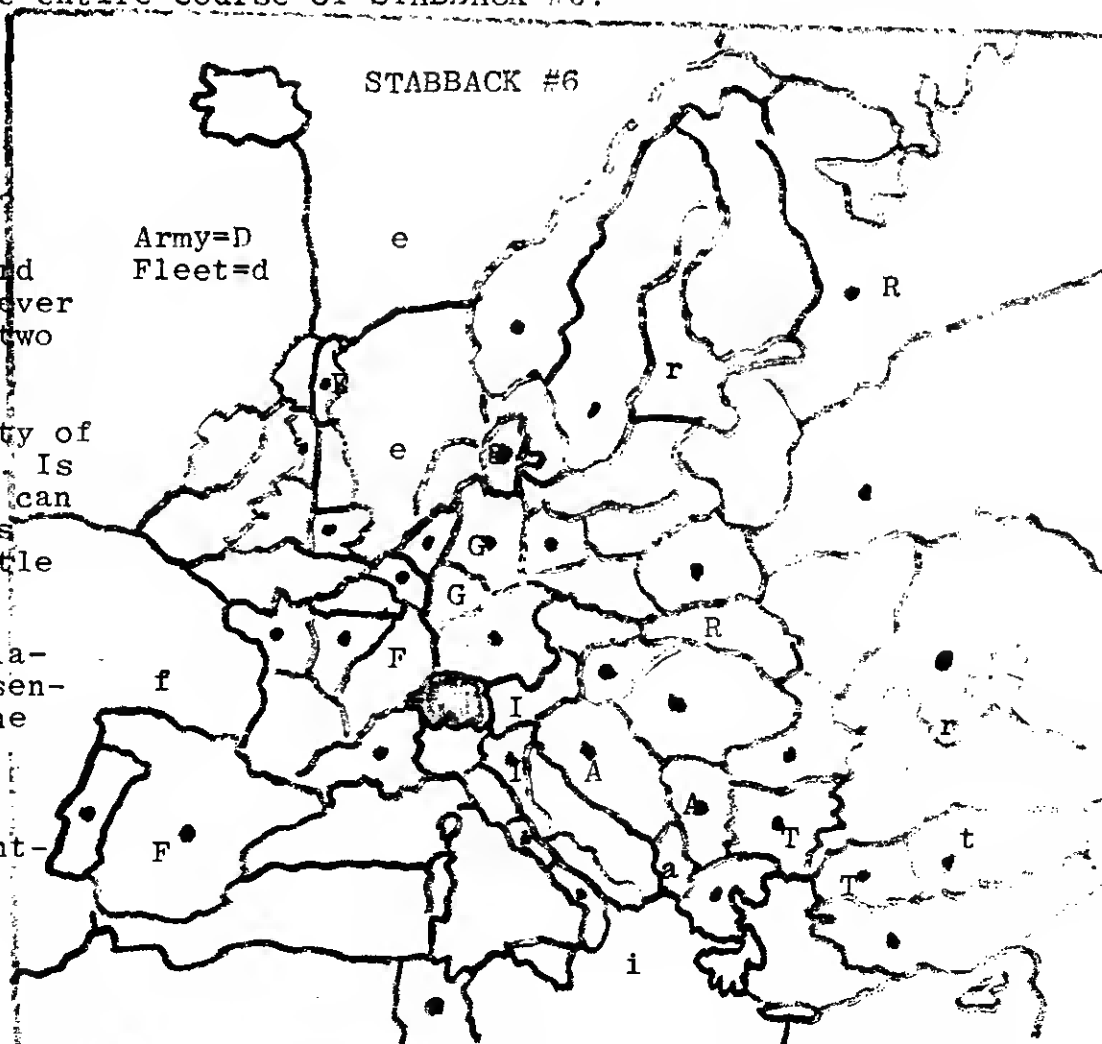
ROM-VIE: Trust me

ROM-MOS: I've heard
 that you should never
 trust a man with two
 first names.

VIE-CON: The treaty of
 Albania is a joke. Is
 that the best you can
 do. Let's discuss
 Greece over a bottle
 of ouzo.

VIE-ROM: Congraula-
 tions on your assen-
 sion to the throne
 , Douglas Rex.

VIE-VEN: If your
 garrasion accident-
 ly wondered near
 Trieste.....



1984Mqho8

EUROPE CONCEDES TO GERMANY, THOUSAND YEAR REICH Winter 1941
BEGINS

This is the first game to end in STABBACK. The concession to Germany passed with flying colors. This is also the first game of 1939 III to be played by mail. I would like to thank the players for playing in the game to the end. James Young and Mike Perry both recieve three free issues to STABBACK for playing out thier positions as standbies. The information will be reported to the Miller Number Custodian.

1984Mqho8 - STABBACK (Christie). E: Chris Bruck (dro S41); Robert Smith. F: James Early (res S41); Mike Perry. G: Hugh Christie (WON F41) I: Fred Hyatt (res S39); James Young. R: Phil Cooper.

	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>	
E	6	4	3	
F	7	7	6	
G	7	10	14	WON, by concession.
I	6	7	9	
R	6	7	6	

A game Review and endgame staments will be printed next issue. All players are asked to send in endgame staments for publication in STABBACK.

MORE 1935W PRESS:

VIE-MOS: What do you get when you cross a WAHOO and a chimpanzee? A dumb chimpanzee.

JUNE 2, 1901, ALBANIA: ArchDuke David of Vienna arrived today for the state funeral of Prince Noblinko Otto Acetol. The fact that he brought along the Austrian first fleet may have had something to do with the elaborate welcome he recieved. All other state dignitaries had been refused entrance into the country.

LON-MOS: I heard all sorts of nasty things you have been saying about me. Now was that very nice of you?

LON-VIE: Watch out I heard you maybe carved up into little pieces by your neighbors.

LON-ROM: I wonder what you are doing in this round of play. It should be interesting.

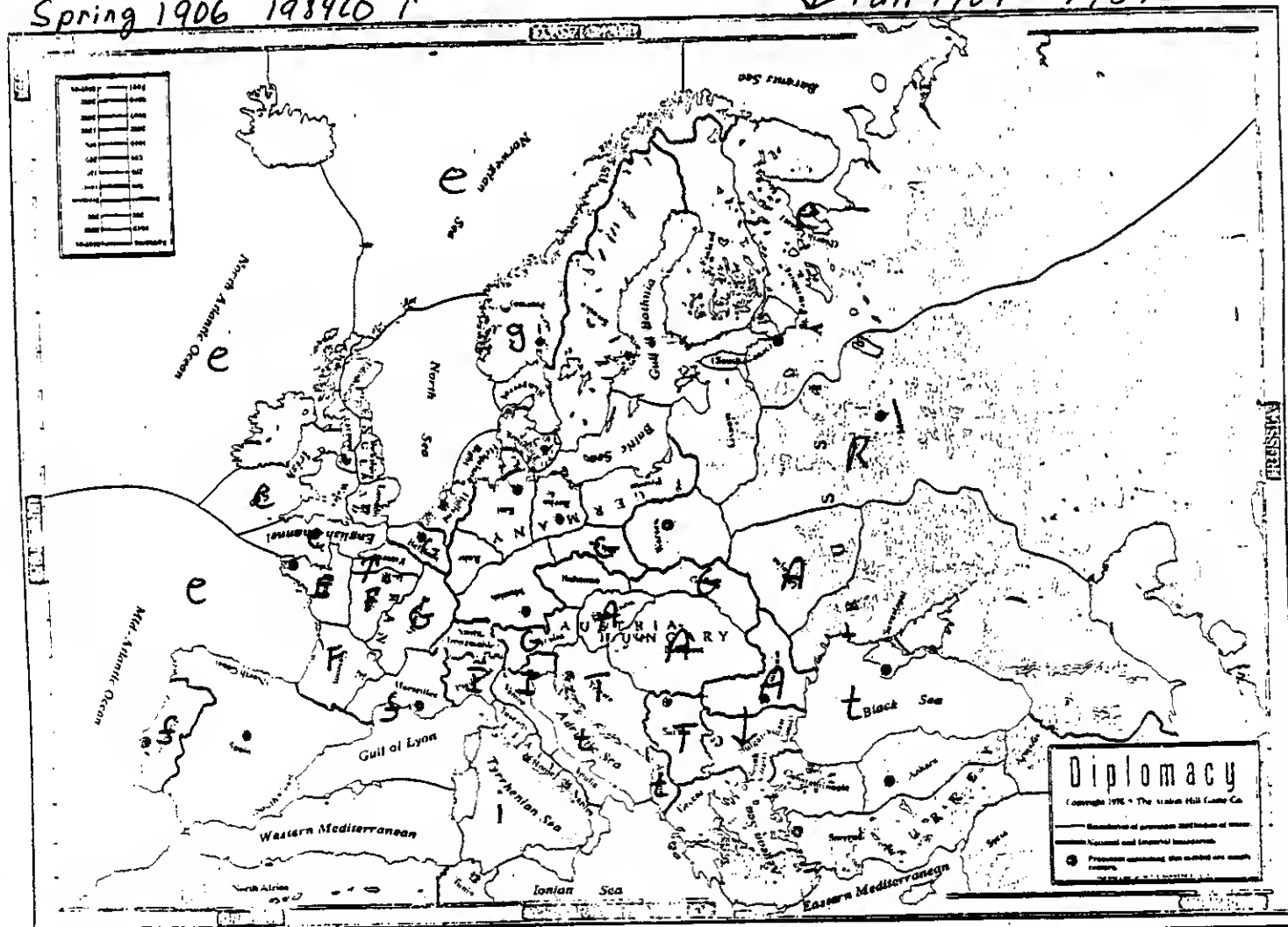
MOS-CON: Let us keep the Black Sea vacant, just to keep us honest.

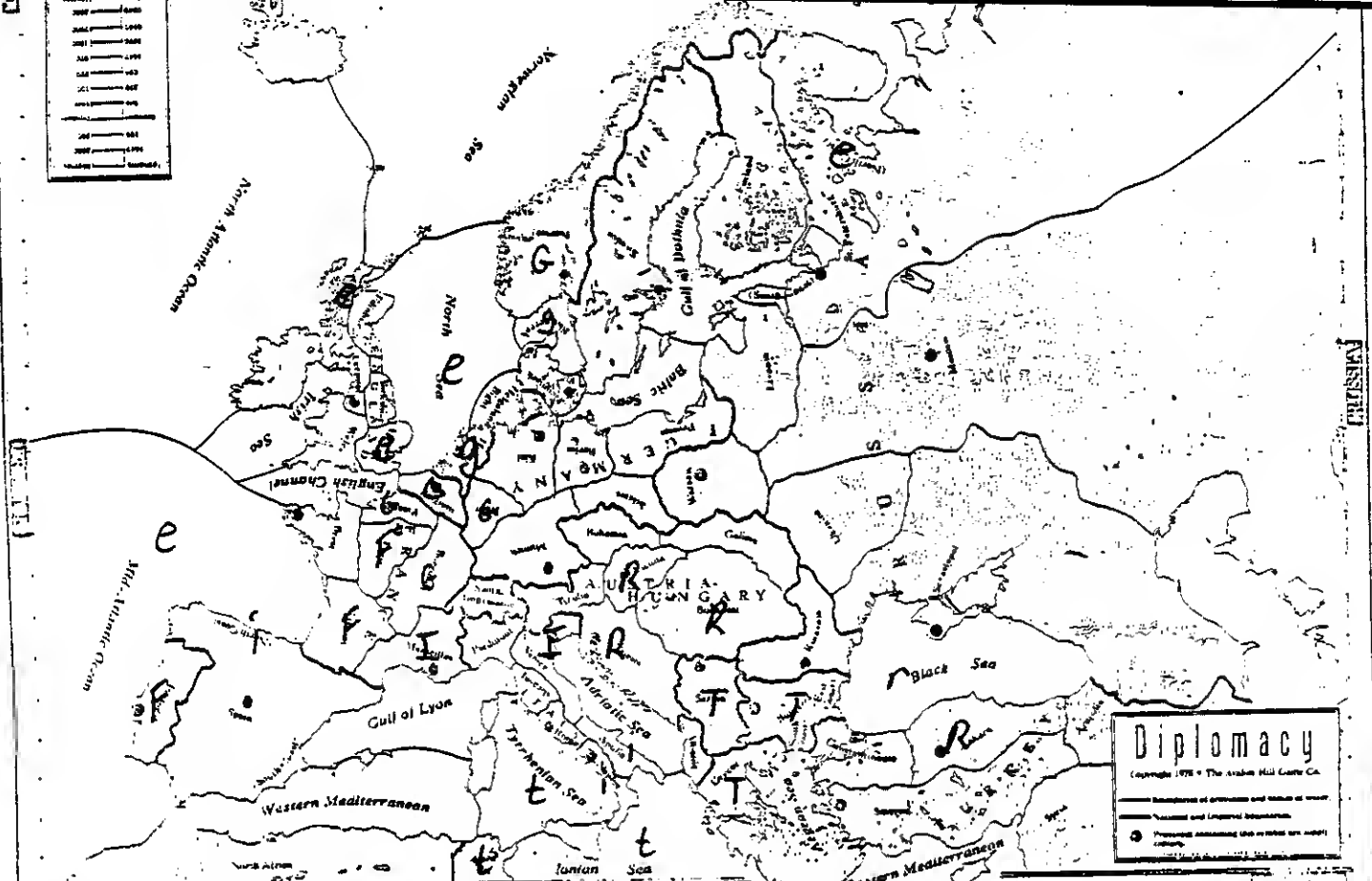
MOS-VIE: Don't be alarmed, defensive move only.



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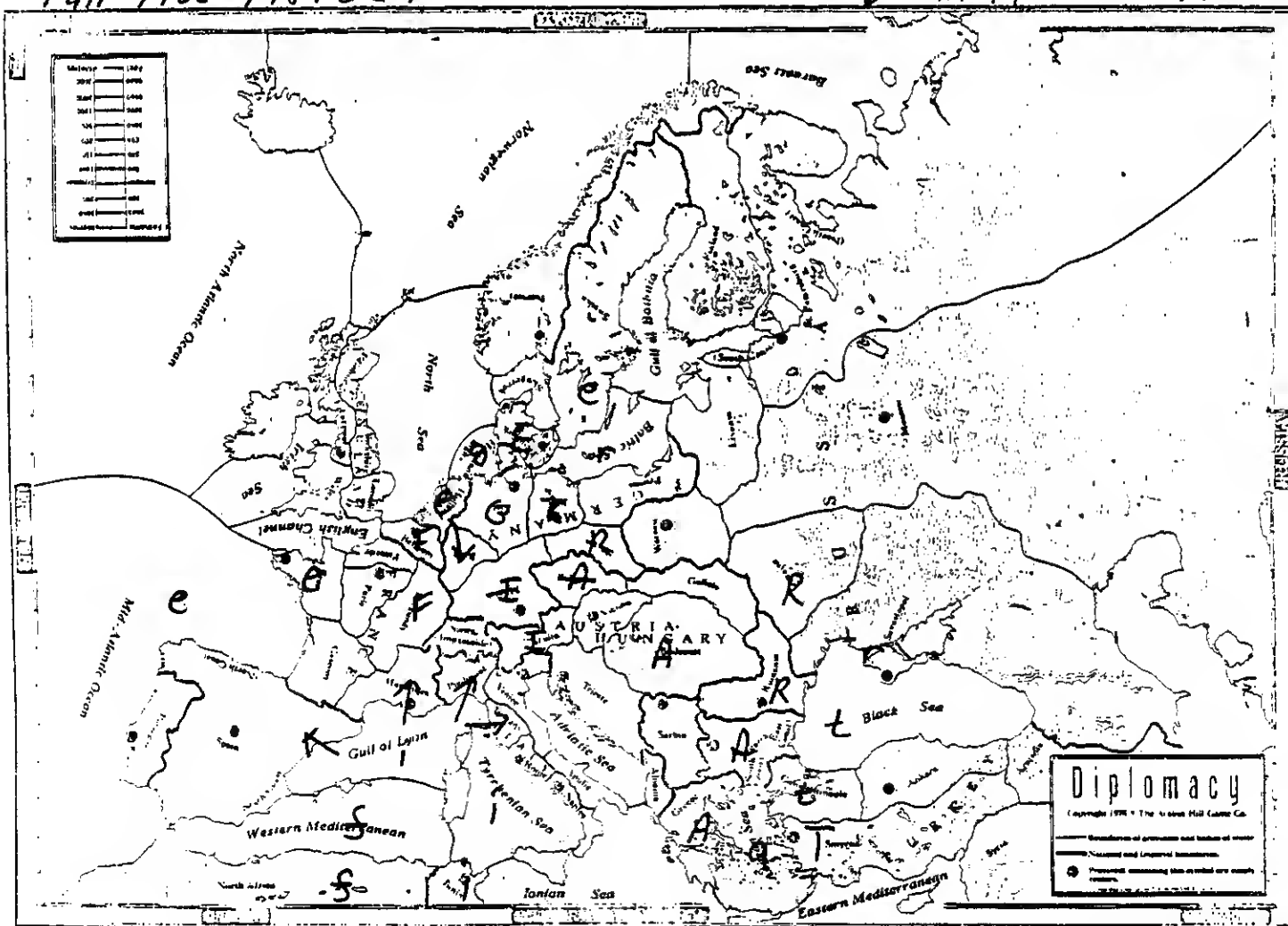
↓ Fall 1904 1984LT





Fall 1905 1984C2 ↑

↓ Fall 1903 1984HN



1985 DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINEES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND BALLOT

The nominees for outstanding service to the hobby during 1984 are:

1. JIM BUMPAS: For contributions in developing the play by electronic mail of DIPLOMACY technique; for hosting PACIFICON's DIPLOMACY tournament; and publishing over 200 issues of LIBERTERREAN.
2. KATHY BYRNE: For service as Boardman Miller Number Custodian; on the Orphan Games Project; hosting numerous BYRNECONS; and editing the sub-zine KATHY'S KORNER.
3. GARY COUGHLAN: For strengthening international hobby ties; and editing EUROPA EXPRESS.
4. BRUCE LINSEY: For production and distribution of SUPERNOVA, the hobby novice publication; for hosting BRUXCONS; and for editing VOICE OF DOOM.
5. BOB OLSEN: For contributing to the hobby's development of a sense of ethics; for hosting PUDGECONS; and for writing outstanding press in a variety of publications.
6. RANDOLPH SMYTH: For conducting the RUNESTONE POLL; and editing of FOL SI FIE.

The recipient of the 1985 DMMA will be announced at DIPCON this summer and in various hobby publications. The individual who is chosen will be presented with custody of the perpetual award for a year and permanent possession of their own personal plaque. Remember, this award is for outstanding service to the hobby during 1984. Any one who was a member of the hobby during that period is qualified to vote.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Vote for only one choice. Write in ballots are allowed. The identification portion of the ballot must be completed but it will be removed prior to the counting of the ballots. PRINT your name clearly. Allow five days for return of the ballot in the USA, ten days in Canada. Mail all ballots to: DMMA/RWA, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. Receipt deadline is 4 July 1985.

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____
ADDRESS _____ TEL _____
HOBBY STATUS: PUBBER (zine) _____ PLAYER (game) _____ OTHER _____

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_____ 3. GARY COUGHLAN	Mail by: 30 June in USA 23 June in CANADA Receipt deadline: 4 July 1985
_____ 4. BRUCE LINSEY	
_____ 5. BOB OLSEN	Make donations payable to: FRED DAVIS, JR.
_____ 6. RANDOLPH SMYTH	
_____ 7. OTHER (Print Name) _____	

1985 ROD WALKER AWARD NOMINEES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND BALLOT

The nominees for outstanding literary excellence in the hobby during 1984 are:

1. MARK BERCH: "Must a Stab Be Fatal"/DIPLOMACY WORLD 36
2. DON DEL GRANDE: "DIP WARZ" (a series)/LIFE OF MONTY 44 et al.
3. STEVE HUTTON: "The Dippy Horror Show"/NO FIXED ADDRESS 21/22
4. BRUCE LINSEY: "The History of a Diplomacy Zine"/VOICE OF DOOM 100
5. ROD WALKER: "The Siege of Rome" (a series)/DIPLOMACY WORLD 38

Please be sure to read all the nominees before you vote for one of them. Copies may be obtained from the respective authors/publishers I am sure (Enclose a SASE).

The recipient of the 1985 RWA will be announced at DIPCON this summer and in various hobby publications. The individual who is chosen will be presented with custody of the perpetual award for a year and permanent possession of their own personal plaque. Remember, this award is for outstanding literary achievement in a hobby publication during 1984. Anyone who was a member of the hobby during that period or who has read all the nominated materials is eligible to vote.

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I am interested in serving on the following awards committees for the 1986 awards:

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Mail to: RWA/DMMA
Box 8416
San Diego, CA 92102

Mail by: 30 June in USA
23 June in Canada
Receipt deadline: 4 July 1985

Make donations payable to:
100 FRED DAVIS, Jr.

Politique

Published by Robert J. Smith

Issue # 1

April 9, 1985

This is Politique, a subzine dedicated to the play of Diplomacy and its variants. I will be taking Malaguena's place as Stab-Back's subzine. The first game that I will be running will be a variant known as Blind-Deadman Diplomacy. The players know only their own positions and those of others that they come into contact with. There is one other way to gain information that is of my own design which I call spying. There are no negotiations because nobody knows who anybody else is. It's one big secret. The players will receive each turn, a copy of their moves, a map of their positions, and the results of their spying. The entire set of moves will be published in Stab-Back for the nonplayers enjoyment on a trial basis. Because of the secrecy of the game, I am asking that noone converse in any way with anyone else about the contents of the game.

The second game I will be running will be the 1898 global variant of Diplomacy. The game has 12 countries that are playable: England, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Russia, Turkey, USA, Japan, China, India, and Spain. I have already got 1 person signed up for this game, it's Howard, so here's probably your only chance to play with your GM and probably your only chance to get back at him for that bad adjudication.

The game fee for the Blind-Deadman game is \$3.50, which will be my standard game fee; however, because of the cost of printing up all of the maps necessary for the 1898 game (it truly is a global achievement) I'm going to have to ask that those wishing to play first of all send me a large business envelope and pay a \$5.00 game fee. I know it's a lot but the winner gets 10 free issues of Stab-Back on me. I may have to raise this fee slightly but I will try not to.

Send your preference lists to:

Robert Smith
509 McKean Hall
University Park PA, 16802
(814) 865-9128

Don't forget your game fees too!!!!

On the next page are the special rules for the Blind-deadman game. A special notice for all you Dawn of the Dead fans out there; Coming this summer to a theatre near you ——— DAY OF THE DEAD ——— the final conclusion to the story that began with Night of the Living Dead back in 1968. Written, Directed, and Edited by the same man. Don't miss it!!!!

Special Rules for Blind-Deadman Diplomacy

The following rules are adjustments to Stab-Back's house rules and players should refer to those rules at the same time as reading these. Avalon Hill's 1976 Rules of Diplomacy will also be used.

- 1.0 the game fee for Blind-deadman is \$3.50, and no sub fee is required.
- 2.0 "I will avoid putting...." is eliminated
- 3.0 Once a game has been organized each player will be informed of his country assignment.
- 4.0-10.0 no changes
- 11.0 I will only declare a draw if there are no builds or removals for any country in a period of three years. This rule is subject to my discretion.
- 12.0-14.0 no changes
- 15.0 Press will be subject to exceptional scrutiny, it will not be published if I feel that it any way compromises the secrecy of the player's identity. Players are encouraged, however, to send in press that may help to confuse other players.
- 16.0 Players will be informed of the positions of their own units, units of other nations that they have come into contact with, and units of other players that have entered territory last occupied by the players own pieces in the fall, thus the occupation of non-supply centers can become very important.
- 17.0 Spying is the only other way to gain information may be gained. There are two types of spying, direct and indirect.
 - 17.1 Direct spying- a player may ask me a question about another nation that would be of a type that a spy could find out-an example is-"How many builds did France get this turn?" and I will send an answer according to the reliability degree. Bear in mind that the difficulty, specificity, and importance of the information will effect the reliability degree.
 - 17.2 Indirect spying- a player who doesn't ask for direct spying may receive information anyway. This will be determined randomly and may or may not be useful and is also subject to reliability degree.
 - 17.3 Reliability Degree- There are three reliability degrees all relating to a % that tells whether or not you can believe the information: unconfirmed(25%), reliable(50%), very reliable(75%). The %'s are what help me determine whether or not to tell you the truth, a lie, or a partial truth(which would still be considered under a lie for my purposes). Example: Unconfirmed reports indicate a Turkish advancing on the outskirts of Sevastopol. this is "unconfirmed" so there is only a 25% chance of the whole thing being true.
- 18.0 The GM is judge and jury. If you have a problem with a ruling feel free to ask me about it, but don't hound me; I can get very irate!!

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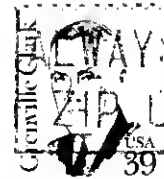
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